

Statewide Contact Information

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About the Program

The California School Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) Program is a comprehensive, integrated, community-linked, school-based program that serves expectant and parenting students and their children. The Cal-SAFE Program is designed to improve the educational experience, increase the availability of support services for enrolled students, and provide child care and development services for their children. The program provides the first opportunity for local education agencies throughout California to access sufficient resources to support a seamless, cost-effective service delivery system from point of entry into the program until graduation.

Program History

Senate Bill 1064 (Chapter 1078, Statutes of 1998), established the Cal-SAFE Program (Education Code Section 54740–54749.5). The program became operational July 1, 2000, based on and incorporating many elements of the former Pregnant Minors Program (PMP), School Age Parenting and Infant Development (SAPID) Program, and the Pregnant and Lactating Students (PALS) Program.

As of June 2004, the Cal-SAFE Program served over 10,200 students and over 7,200 children.

Cal-SAFE Program Goals

- ❖ A significant number of eligible female and male students in need of targeted supportive services related to school success will be served.
- ❖ Students shall have the opportunity to be continuously enrolled in the program through graduation from high school.
- ❖ Students served who receive program services for one or more years will earn a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- ❖ Students served who graduate will transition to postsecondary education, including a technical school, or into the world of work.
- ❖ Students served and their children will not become welfare dependent.
- ❖ Students served will demonstrate effective parenting skills.
- ❖ Students served will not have a repeat birth or father a repeat pregnancy before graduating from high school.
- ❖ Pregnant students served will not have a low birth weight baby.
- ❖ Children of enrolled teen parents will receive child care and development services based upon the assessed developmental and health needs of each child.

- ❖ Children of enrolled teen parents will receive health screening and immunizations except when the custodial parent annually provides a written request for an exemption.
- ❖ Children of enrolled teen parents will have enhanced school readiness.



Student Eligibility

Female and male students age 18 and younger who have not graduated from high school may voluntarily enroll in the Cal-SAFE Program if they are an expectant parent, a custodial parent, or a parent taking an active role in the care and supervision of their child. An eligible student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is eligible as long as there is an active IEP. If a student is continuously enrolled in the program and has not graduated before reaching age 19, the student may be enrolled for one additional semester. As long as teen parents are enrolled in the Cal-SAFE Program, their children are eligible for services until age five or entry into kindergarten, whichever comes first.